

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Are Mental Health Drugs Effective?
November 10, 2005

Dear Colleague:

By now you should have received an invitation for a congressional briefing by the National Foundation for Mental Health (NFMH) on **Thursday, November 17, 2005, from 11:00am-12:30pm in HC-8 of the U.S. Capitol**. The lunch briefing will provide you with initial results of the C.A.T.I.E. (Clinical Antipsychotic Trials of Intervention Effectiveness) study not reported by the national media. This was the largest study ever undertaken by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) on the effectiveness of mental health drugs.

Dr. Insel, who is among the world's leading neuroscientists, will provide a comprehensive overview of the C.A.T.I.E. study, which compares the relative effectiveness and side effects of the latest antipsychotic drugs in comparison to the older generation of those drugs.

The National Foundation for Mental Health is a new, non-profit, non-partisan organization composed of individuals and institutions which support the research agenda/work of the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH).

To RSVP please contact: Kemp Baker at the National Foundation for Mental Health at 202-207-0279 or kemp@nfmh.org

As the Co-chairs of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, we encourage you and your staff to attend this informative briefing. Additionally, this is a unique opportunity for Members and their staff to meet the Director of the NIMH. We look forward to seeing you at this event and for your continued interest in mental health issues.

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2005


Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (A box lunch will be served by the NFMH)

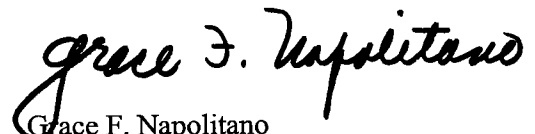
Place: HC-8 of the United States Capitol Building

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Thomas Insel, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Baxter (Rep. Murphy) at 5-2301 (e-mail: michael.baxter@mail.house.gov) or Christine Cortez (Rep. Napolitano) at 5-5256 (e-mail: christine.cortez@mail.house.gov)

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